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HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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CLINICAL TRIALS FOR NEW MEDICINES
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Drugs Technical Advisory Board (DTAB) has recommended that drugs discovery firms be allowed to conduct all phases of clinical trials for new medicines discovered in the country or abroad as reported in the 'Business Standard' dated July 18, 2007;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of the Government on the recommendation of DTAB?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a)to(c) Yes, Sir.The 55th Meeting of the Drug Technical Advisory Board (DTAB) held on 6th July, 2007, agreed for concurrent phase I clinical trials with new drugs in the country.

These DTAB recommendations are now under process for amendments in Schedule Y of Drugs & Cosmetics Act & Rules thereunder.